

Amendments to the Specification:

“This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/270,707, filed October 11, 2002, now ~~allowed~~ issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,740,638; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/989,476, filed November 19, 2001, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,489,299; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/953,937, filed October 20, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,369,033; which is a continuation of 08/342,078, filed November 18, 1994, now abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.”

Please insert the following SEQ ID NO at page 6, line 25: “...(see Figure 1; SEQ. ID NO. 2)...” Please replace the sentence on page 18, lines 28-29 as follows: “Female Lewis ~~rates~~ rats, approximately six weeks old, were purchased from Harlan Sprague, Indianapolis, IN.”

Please replace the third paragraph on page 23 (Example 11) with the following red-lined paragraph:

“As can be seen in Figure 7, the peptide analogue caused a marked decrease in cytokine production at all doses greater than 20 μ M for IFN- γ ~~TNF- α~~ and at all doses for ~~IFN- γ~~ TNF- α .”